



Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method of automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the method comprising:

detecting that said call has been dropped;

determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number, wherein said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network if said call was placed to an emergency number; and

responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network, a mobile switching center ("MSC") of said RF communications network reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party, wherein said reestablishing comprises said MSC ~~dialing back~~ reconnecting to said mobile unit as if the dropped call was suspended by a call waiting mechanism.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The method of claim 14 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A mobile switching center ("MSC") for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party connected to a public switched telephone network ("PSTN") after said call has been dropped, the MSC comprising software instructions executable by said MSC for:

detecting that said call has been dropped;

determining whether said call was placed to an emergency operator, wherein said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network if said call was placed to an emergency operator;

maintaining a connection between the emergency operator and the MSC after said call is dropped; and

responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network, reestablishing a connection with said mobile unit and connecting the reestablished connection with the maintained connection between the emergency operator and the MSC, thereby to reestablish said call between said mobile unit and said ~~called party~~ emergency operator, wherein said software instructions for reestablishing comprise software instructions for causing said MSC to dial back said mobile unit.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The MSC of claim 18 wherein said software instructions for determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): Apparatus for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the apparatus comprising:

means for detecting that said call has been dropped;

means for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number, wherein said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network if said call was placed to an emergency number; and

means responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network for reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party, wherein said means for reestablishing comprises means for ~~dialing back~~ reconnecting to said mobile unit using a call waiting mechanism.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

Claim 25 (Cancelled)

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said called party is connected to said RF communications network via a public switched telephone network ("PSTN").